

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobutaka YAMAMOTO et al.

Serial Number: 09/718,388

Filed: November 24, 2000

For: A METHOD FOR CULTURING CELL AND A CULTURE VESSEL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 25, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16-28 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1-15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for adhering and proliferating target cells, which comprises the steps of:

inoculating, culturing and then killing, in a culture vessel, fibroblasts derived from a mammal, and then culturing the target cells in said culture vessel.

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